

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

February 21, 2018

Members Present:

Mike Smith (1 hr.)

Mike Schendel (1 hr.)

Joe Jax (2 hrs.)

Dennis Kropp (1 hr.)

Nancy Schofield (1.5 hrs.)

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

Others Present: Randy Eide, Bruce Heath, Dick Henning, and Sue Hitz

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. A sign-up sheet was passed around the table and volunteer hours were recorded. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed.

Acceptance of January's Minutes: Mike Schendel made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Cindy Gilberts. Carried on voice vote.

DNR Grant Update (financial) John Johnson and Sue Hitz are working on the report and will meet the March 31st deadline.

Update on Lumberjack Repair: At the end of March to mid-April the process of repairing will begin. There won't be any movement on the Lumberjack until closer to ground thaw. Most of the cost will be engineering.

Comment on benches: The Leisure Center has requested to have a plaque that would read made by or donated by so that it could be placed on the back of the bench which was given to them.

Business and Industrial Recognition Suggestions for Arbor Day Celebrations: John Johnson suggested Phillips Medsize Addition. If there are others please provide suggestion to the committee at the next meeting.

Bird City Speaker: Marie Young was suggested as the speaker. Mike Schendel will contact her. More plans will be presented at the next meeting.

Urban Forester's Report:

- **Pruning:** Pruning continues in North Menomonie. We have had a few freeze ups on the boom truck and several snow events to deal with. Boom truck-the switch in the bucket giving problems.
- **Emerald Ash Borer Update:** No news on EAB. Second Street near Kwik Trip on the West side there are dead ash which will be removed, large logs will be saved.

Park Superintendent Report:

- Dick Henning was unable to attend the Green Bay Conference due to illness.

City Council Report:

- The Council approved a study to be done to get analysis on phosphorus, looking up stream from the Wastewater Plant
- Council is reviewing assessments
- Red Cedar Conference will be held at U. W. Stout on March 8th
- The State of Wisconsin will be working on I-94, starting at Exit 41 to the West for four miles. There will be three bridges that will be replaced as well as the Red Cedar River Bridge.

Items for the next meeting: Arbor Day (location), recognition awards, bench locations, and the DNR Grant.

Next Meeting: March 21st at City Hall Conference Room at 2 P. M.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Nancy Schofield and seconded by Dennis Kropp.

Minutes submitted by: Sue Hitz.

